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FINAL POLREP Bayaud Drum Site Denver, Colorado

I. BACKGROUND

Date:	03/28/03
Subject:	Abandoned Drums - Bayaud Site
POLREP No.:	Final - # 2
OSC:	Mike Zimmerman
Agency:	EPA - Region 8
Party Conducting the Action:	Fund Lead - Unknown PRP
FPN Number:	E03804
OPA Project/Site No.	Z8AN
NRC No.:	634799
Date Started:	01/22/03
Date Completed:	03/27/03

II. SITUATION

On January 22, 2003 an anonymous call to the National Response Center, hence to Region 8, provided notice of abandoned drums at the intersection of Pecos St. and Bayaud St., Denver, Colorado. The drums (6) were positioned directly above a storm water inlet to the South Platte River and appeared to contain waste oil. The ground, sidewalk, and storm water inlet were obviously stained - indicating that the drums were leaking.

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

Discharge into surface water as covered in Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1321 as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.



B. Site Description

Upon notice of the abandoned drums, the EPA OSC mobilized to the Site during the afternoon of January 22, 2003 for purposes of evaluating the situation and take appropriate mitigation measures. It was determined that the drums presented an obvious threat to the South Platte River.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Current Situation and Removal Actions to Date

Immediately upon arrival at the Site on January 22, 2003, the OSC arranged for temporary storage/containment of the drums for the evening at a near-by Regional Transportation District (RTD) facility. On the next day at approximately 1:00 p.m., the OSC mobilized to the RTD facility with the Region 8 ERRS I Contractor, Environmental Restoration, L.L.C. The following tasks were performed:

- ▶ Abandoned drums were hazcatted;
- ▶ Liquids were bulked according to compatability;
- ▶ Abandoned drums were overpacked;
- ▶ Contaminated soil was collected and containerized;
- ▶ Overpacked drums were transported to the North Washington Fire Department facility for temporary storage, pending final transportation and disposal arrangements.

The original Site was secured in order to await results from profile sampling prior to final disposal and project close-out. Site and response information was conveyed to the City and County of Denver and to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. As a result, the City and County of Denver “flushed” the storm drain to collect residuals from the abandoned drums.

Initially 6 abandoned drums were addressed; bulking/consolidation of drum contents reduced the total to two 55-gallon drums (overpacked) of waste oil and one 5-gallon container of sludges. Final disposal arrangements were concluded at the Clean Harbors Facility, Denver, Colorado .

B. Future Actions

The work at this site was performed in compliance with the NCP and this Removal Action is considered complete as of March 27, 2003.

V. ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA opened the Oil Pollution Act Fund for \$12,000 for purposes of conducting the cleanup as it was apparent that a PRP could not be readily identified. Total costs for the Fund-Lead OPA Removal have not been received at this time but are estimated to be less than the established ceiling. A tentative estimate is as follows:

<u>Extramural:</u>	
ERRS	\$4,000
<u>Intramural:</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$5,000